

Fw: FW: specific questions

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To:

Qs from NPR. I should be back in office tomorrow.

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To: Richard Mylott/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
From: Elizabeth Shogren <EShogren@npr.org>
Date: 10/15/2012 10:46AM
Subject: FW: specific questions

Rich,

This is about my questions in my earlier email below. I found the permit on line that requires WET testing at Steamboat Butte.

<http://www.epa.gov/region8/water/npdes/pdf/FINALWY-0033740MarathonSteamboatButteSOBmod.pdf>

pg. 7 requires it. Can you tell me what the results of the tests were? The tribe said the outflow failed those tests but Marathonsaid it has not failed any water quality tests. Can you clear that up for me? Thank you.

From: Elizabeth Shogren
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2012 12:39 PM
To: 'Richard Mylott'
Subject: specific questions

Hi Rich,

Since EPA is not providing an interview for me. I will send some specific questions that I want answered. Perhaps you will tell me why this information was not included in response to my FOIA request. This is the statement of basis for one of the produced water discharge permits on the Wind River. This permits states that the water quality may not be clean enough for aquatic life. And it says that the company would be required to send in sampling information. See highlighted text below which comes from pg. 5 of the permit. For Marathon Circle Ridge. Can you tell me if EPA ever got these results and if so, can you provide them to me in response to my FOIA request.

08-FOI-00236-12/HQ-FOI-01431-12

Or my follow up request:
08-FOI-00336-12.

I've also requested the most recent permits and any sampling from the companies for any oil or gas operations within the reservation. Can you send me links to those documents? I imagine they are all publicly available. But I cannot find them easily on my own.

Also, I learned that WET Whole Effluent Toxicity was required in some of the permitting on the reservation. Perhaps for Marathon's permits for its Steamboat Butte facility. I've also been told that discharge there failed that test. Can you provide both whatever permit required WET and the WET sampling that has been done to date for that facility?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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<http://www.epa.gov/region8/water/npdes/pdf/FINALWY-000949MarathonCircleRidgeSOB.pdf>

Within 90 days of the effective date of this permit, a summary report on the produced water will be submitted to the USEPA and the Wind River Environmental Quality Commission. This summary report will include the results and detection limits for each of the constituents. Based upon the results of this screening, this permit may be reopened and effluent limits and monitoring requirements established for constituents that may present a hazard.